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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chair
House Water and Power Subcommittee
1522 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano
Ranking Member
House Water and Power Subcommittee
1522 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Walnut Valley Water District's
Support for HR 2828

Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member Napolitano:

The District is pleased to support your HR 2828, landmark bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and address water challenges across the West.

The CALFED Program is still California's best chance to make long-term, statewide improvements to water supply and conveyance infrastructure while restoring the environment and helping recover threatened species. In the District's service area, CALFED's implementation will bring about day-to-day progress on water reliability and water quality.

It is extremely important that the program be reauthorized this year and the District appreciates your commitment to moving the process along. Intense pressure continues to stress California's existing water resources, with focal points on the Colorado River, the Bay-Delta and the Klamath. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has been held up as the model for resolving conflicts in California and throughout the West where water issues are so critical. The program, however, can never realize its potential without authorization and funding.

We applaud the concepts contained in HR 2828, which includes both an authorization of CALFED and a competitive grants program for projects like desalination and recycling will complement the CALFED Program and build upon the proven successes of these projects.

Please contact the District staff should you require further assistance with the passage of HR 2828. Thank you for your dedication to strengthening California's water supplies.

Very truly yours,

WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

KEITH K. GUNN
President, Board of Directors

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cc: Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer
Congress Members David Dreier, Diane E. Watson
and Gary Miller
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